CGHS Website for the Central Government employees

2968. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government Health Services (CGHS) is going ahead with a proposal to have its own website for the Central Government employees/pensioners;

(b) if so, the salient features of this website; and

(c) to what extent the Central Government beneficiaries are likely to be benefited from this website?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There is a website of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare *viz.* www.nohfw.nic.in which includes information on the CGHS containing the list of private hospitals recognised under CGHS Delhi along with rates for various medical procedures/tests/ investigations.

Up-gradation of the website containing information on CGHS is a continuous process.

Development of ISM

†2969. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL.
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effective steps have been taken to explore the possibilities of development of Indian Systems of Medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to provide the benefits of Indian Systems of Medicines to the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) In order to develop the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, the Government in 1995 established an independent Department of ISM&H in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Department of ISM & H has already implemented schemes for the development and cultivation of medicinal plants, preparation of agro-techniques, upgradation of undergraduatefttst-graduate institutions, standardization of drugs, encouraging intra-mural and extra-mural research and dissemination of information through information, education and communication.

(c) The Government has taken the following steps to provide the benefits of Indian Systems of Medicine to the general public as under:

(i) Speciality units have been opened in two Central Government hospitals in Delhi *viz.* Unani in Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic in Safdarjung Hospital.

(ii) As Health is a State subject, in various meetings with the State Health Minister/Health Secretaries, the Government have impressed upon them to start OPDs on similar lines in the Government hospitals and dispensaries in their States.

(iii) Essential drugs list of Homoeopathy, Ayurveda and Unani drugs have been circulated to all the State Governments.

(iv) The State Governments have been advised to fill up the posts of Doctors of these systems in Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, Government hospitals and dispensaries in the States and to provide adequate medicines at the Centres under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Vikas Yojana.